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ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department – Allegation of corruption of demand and acceptance of bribe against Smt. Kankatala Subhadra Kamala Sobha Rani, Office Superintendent, O/o. Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Srikakulam - Trapped on 22.07.2019 - Prosecution Sanction Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Ms. No.102 **Date:25.11.2022**

O R D E R:-

1 **Whereas**, Smt. Kankatala Subhadra Kamala Sobha Rani, Office Superintendent, O/o. Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Srikakulam worked as such from 30.10.2017 to 22.07.2019 and by virtue of the post held by her, she falls within the category of Public Servant as defined under Section 2 (c) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 2018.

2. **And Whereas**, Sri Tammina Venkata Thota Rao worked as Senior Assistant in the office of Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Chodavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam District. As per the orders of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Visakhapatnam, he was transferred from the office of MPDO, Chodavaram to P.I.U. Sub Division, Yelamanchili and as per the above orders, he was relieved from the O/o. Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Chodavaram on 17.07.2019 evening by the Mandal Parishad Development Officer, Chodavaram. As he has to join in P.I.U. Sub Division Yelamanchili, he has to get formal place posting order proceedings. On 18.07.2019, he visited the O/o. Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Srikakulam and met Sri K.Venugopal, Superintending Engineer, PR, Srikakulam and submitted a representation with a request to issue formal place of posting orders. The Superintending Engineer, PR, Srikakulam received

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the representation from him, and placed initial on it and directed him to meet Smt. Kankatala Subhadra Kamala Sobha Rani, Office Superintendent, O/o Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Srikakulam and submit the representation to her. Accordingly, he approached Smt. Kankatala Subhadra Kamala Sobha Rani, Office Superintendent and gave the representation to her. Then Smt. Kankatala Subhadra Kamala Sobha Rani, Office Superintendent demanded Rs.5,000/- as bribe to process and issue formal place of posting orders in his favour and also insisted that if he gives bribe amount to her by then, she would do the same within an hour. On that, Sri Tammina Venkata Thota Rao questioned as to why he has to give bribe amount to her for processing and issuance of formal place of posting order proceedings. But Smt. Kankatala Subhadra Kamala Sobha Rani, Office Superintendent informed him that if he fails to give bribe amount to her, his work would not be completed. Then Sri Tammina Venkata Thota Rao expressed his inability to comply the demand made by Smt. Kankatala Subhadra Kamala Sobha Rani, Office Superintendent, but she insisted him to pay the bribe amount to her within two or three days. Since the complainant is not willing to pay bribe amount to the Smt. Kankatala Subhadra Kamala Sobha Rani, Office Superintendent and that he along with his friend approached the ACB office, Srikakulam and lodged a written complaint with Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Srikakulam Range to take necessary action against Smt. Kankatala Subhadra Kamala Sobnha Rani, Office Superintendent for demanding bribe amount to complete his work.

3. **And Whereas**, after observing due procedure, the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Srikakulam Range registered the complaint of Sri Tammina Venkata Thota Rao as a case in Crime No. 06/RCT-ACB/SKL/2019 under Section 7(a) of Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018 and made all arrangements for laying trap.

4. **And whereas**, during the course of trap on 22.07.2019, Smt. Kankatala Subhadra Kamala Sobha Rani, Office Superintendent was trapped at her seat in the office room of Office Superintendent,

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Panchayat Raj, Srikakulam, while, she further demanded and accepted the bribe amount of Rs.5,000/- from Sri Tammina Venkata Thota Rao to perform public duty by abusing her official position i.e. to process and issue formal place of posting order proceedings, received the tainted amount from the complainant with her right hand, counted with both hands and kept the amount in her maroon colour hand bag. The tainted amount was recovered from her maroon colour hand bag. On the instructions of Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau,the mediators compared the serial numbers and denominations of currency notes and the same were found tallied with the serial numbers and denominations of currency notes during pre-trap proceedings. The chemical tests conducted on both hands fingers of Smt. Kankatala Subhadra Kamala Sobha Rani, Office Superintendent and inner linings of maroon colour hand bag of Smt. Kankatala Subhadra Kamala Sobha Rani were yielded positive result. The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Srikakulam range, seized the tainted cash of Rs.5,000/-, Maroon colour hand bag of Smt. Kankatala Subhadra Kamala Sobha Rani and resultant solutions. Later the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau seized connected file from the possession of Smt. Kankatala Subhadra Kamala Sobha Rani, Office Superintendent in the presence of mediators, under the cover of Mediators Report -II.

5. **And whereas,** the above mentioned acts of Smt. Kankatala Subhadra Kamala Sobha
Rani, Office Superintendent, O/o Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Srikakulam, Srikakulam District constitute the offences punishable under Section 7 (a) of Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018 (As amended by Act 16 of 2018).

6. **And whereas**, the Government of Andhra Pradesh, being the competent authority to remove Smt. Kankatala Subhadra Kamala Sobha Rani, Office Superintendent, O/o Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Srikakulam, Srikakulam District from Government Service after fully and carefully examining the material i.e. copies of FIR, Mediator Reports - I & II and final investigation report etc., placed before the Government in respect of the said allegations and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, consider

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that the said Smt. Kankatala Subhadra Kamala Sobha Rani, Office Superintendent, O/o. Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Srikakulam, Srikakulam District should be prosecuted in a Court of Law for the above said offence.

7. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers, conferred under Clause (b) of Sub-Section (1) of Section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018, the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby accord sanction for prosecution of Smt. Kankatala Subhadra Kamala Sobha Rani, Office Superintendent, O/o. Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Srikakulam, Srikakulam District for the above said offences punishable under Sections 7(a) of Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018 (As amended by Act 16 of 2018) and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of law for the time being in force in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a court of law having competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

25/11/2022

(GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI)
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director General,
Anti-Corruption Bureau,
Andhra Pradesh,
Vijayawada.